Loan from open market by Orissa

3133. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre fix limits within which a State can float a loan from the open market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a limit has been fixed for the State of Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Orissa has lifted Rs. 3.39 billion from the open market, a first loan in the current fiscal year; and

(f) whether the State can go ahead to float such loan up to 10 billion in the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Medium Term Fiscal Reforms Programme (MTFRP), undertaken by State Governments, aimed at fiscal consolidation, seeks, *inter alia*, to circumscribe future borrowings of the States so as to lead towards a stable debt profile. The projections of debt in the approved MTFRPs of the States from the ceiling on Plan Borrowings.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Orissa has also adopted an MTFRP. Under this, ceilings on different components of borrowings, including Open Market Borrowings are prescribed.

(e) and (f) Open Market Borrowings of Rs. 3.3928 billion has been raised by RBI on behalf of Government of Orissa in May, 2003, for funding the Annual Plan 2003-04. As per the Approved Scheme of Financing of Annual Plan for 2003-04 of Orissa, Net Market Borrowings (SLR based) Approved is Rs. 7.1471 billion, including Rs. 2.00 billion, of one time Market Borrowings to be provided by Ministry of Finance.

People Below Poverty Line

†3134. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 28 per cent people in India are living below the poverty line;

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(b) if so, whether it is also ;a fact that the number of the people living above the poverty line in Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh is more in comparison to the national level and whether Government have any plan to bring down the said level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Based on the latest large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) in its 55th Round, the percentage of people living below poverty line in the country has been estimated as 26.10 per cent in 1999-2000.

(b) and (c) The percentage of people living below poverty line in Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh is more in comparison to the national level. Government has been implementing number of poverty alleviation programmes throughout the country for the people living below poverty line. Allocation under these programmes is decided on the basis of proportion of poor living in each State. For Bihar and KBK districts of Orissa, special programme has been launched under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

Upliftment of women above poverty line

†3135. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of the total population living below poverty line are women;

(b) if so, the action plan contemplated by Government to uplift the women above poverty line; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Planning Commission estimates number of persons living below poverty line using data of household consumer expenditure which is available for the household as a unit. This data does not permit separate estimates of poverty for women.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

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